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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 25, 1999 and the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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